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Fig. 1.

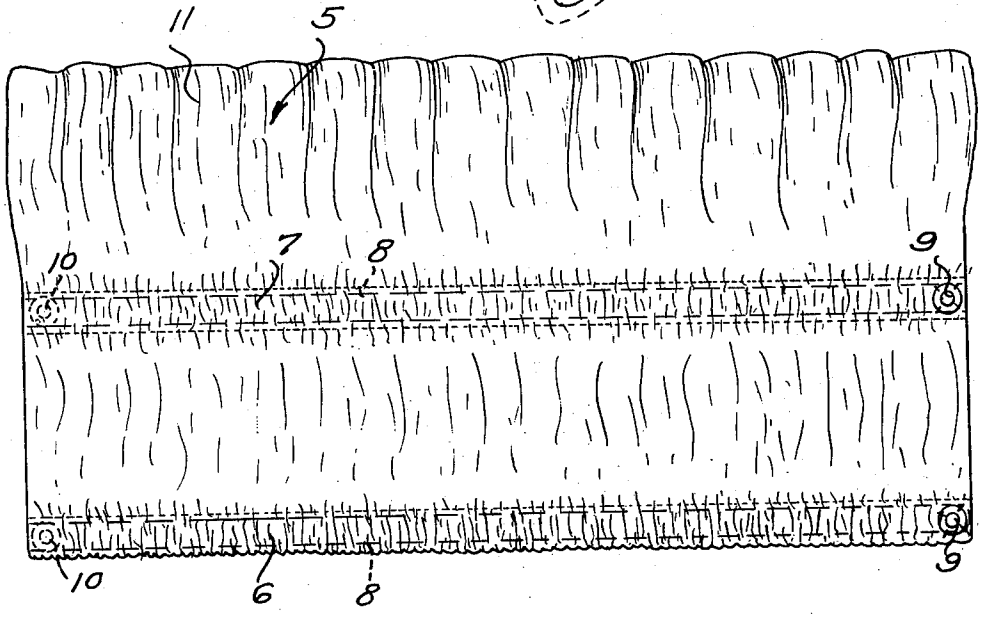


Fig. 2.

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My invention relates to hose protectors.

In accordance with my invention, I provide a hose protector which is adapted to be applied to and encircle the ankle of the wearer, to protect the hose from being soiled, when overshoes or galoshes are worn. The protector is in the form of a suitably wide band, which is circumferentially yieldable and self-adjusting, whereby it will properly fit ankles of different sizes. The device may be readily applied to and removed from the ankle, and will remain in place, when in use, and will not cause discomfort to the user. The device has a gathered formation, and this provides some degree of circulation of air, at all times, for ventilation and evaporation of perspiration. The protector may be made of fabric of different thicknesses or quality, as may be required. By using a woven fabric, proper ventilation is assured. The device is neat and pleasing in appearance, and imparts a pleasing effect to the top of the overshoe.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the hose protector embodying my invention, and,

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same.

The protector is formed of a section of cloth or fabric 5, which may be of any suitable character or quality. If the protector is intended for use in cold weather, it could be advantageously formed of a woolen fabric, while if it is to be used in warm weather, it could be formed of a light fabric, such as silk. The fabric can, of course, be any color or design, to meet the fancy of the user. It is desired that the protector be made of a woven fabric, which is porous and absorbent, for providing suitable ventilation, and evaporation of perspiration. The fabric strip 5, constituting the body portion of the protector, is provided at its bottom with a longitudinal hem 6, and with a second longitudinal hem 7, parallel with the hem 6, and spaced therefrom, and also from the free upper edge of the strip 5. The hem 7 is preferably substantially equi-distantly spaced from the top and bottom edges of the strip 5. Arranged within the hems 6 and 7 are elastic bands 8, which are attached to the fabric strip 5 only at their ends, which may be accomplished by sewing both ends of the elastic bands 8 to the adjacent ends of the fabric strip 5. The fabric strip 5, when distended, is much longer than the elastic bands 8, when not under distention, and the elastic bands 8 retain the fabric strip 5 in a gathered or pleated condition, as shown. The fabric strip 5 in the gathered condition and free from distention, is of a length whereby it will have to be somewhat stretched to be applied to the smallest ankle with which the protector is to be used. The gathered strip preferably has a large range of distention and hence may be applied to ankles of varying sizes. This dispenses with the necessity of making the protector of different sizes, as I have found that the protector may be made in any one size and applied to the majority of different size ankles.

The ends or vertical edges of the strip 5 are preferably detachably connected by snap fasteners, and I preferably attach the stud elements 9 of these fasteners to one end of the strip 5 and also to the ends of the elastic bands 8, by sewing or the like, while the companion socket elements 10 are arranged at the opposite end of the fabric 5 and are attached or stitched to the opposite ends of the elastic bands 8.

The material of the fabric strip 5 extends above the upper elastic band 8 for a substantial distance, and the ends of the upwardly projecting extension are free from connection, thus providing a cuff portion 11, which is split and is at all times free to accommodate itself to the movement of the leg. The cuff portion is of a considerable width so as to be substantially equal to the width of the fabric band, between the elastic bands. The elastic bands retain the fabric band between them gathered to a greater extent than the upper cuff portion. The upper free edge of the cuff portion being free from any elastic band, the cuff portion is adapted to automatically adjust itself to the ankle, during the walking of the user. The cuff portion is

sufficiently gathered so that it will remain relatively close to the ankle.

In use, the device is applied to the ankle, above and adjacent to the shoe, and covers the portion of the stocking adjacent to the shoe. When galoshes or overshoes are worn, the protector prevents the same from contacting with the stocking and soiling the same. Due to the fact that the protector is formed of a woven fabric and further because it is in a gathered or pleated condition, it affords proper ventilation, thus providing for the evaporation of perspiration. The device may be readily applied to or removed from the ankle, and will remain in the position in which it is applied. It is self-adjusting in its application, and the upper cuff 11 being split, permits of the free movements of the ankle without inconvenience being caused to the user. The cuff also extends above the overshoe and lends a pleasing and attractive appearance, also affording extra protection to the wearer.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention, herewith shown and described, is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention, or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A protector for the ankles, comprising a fabric band provided adjacent to its lower edge with a longitudinal hem and near its longitudinal center with an upper longitudinal hem, the band projecting upwardly beyond the upper hem in the form of a split cuff having a considerable width, elastic bands held within the hems and attached at their ends to the ends of the fabric band and serving to hold the band gathered, and snap fasteners embodying elements secured to the ends of the elastic bands.

2. A protector for the ankles when using galoshes or the like, comprising a fabric band provided adjacent to its lower edge with a longitudinal hem and near its longitudinal center with an upper longitudinal hem, the band projecting upwardly beyond the upper hem in the form of a split cuff having a width substantially equal to the width of the band between the two longitudinal hems, elastic bands held within the hems and attached at their ends to said fabric band, said elastic bands serving to retain the fabric band gathered, the material of the fabric band between the elastic bands being gathered to a greater extent than said cuff, and means for connecting the ends of the fabric band at a point beneath said cuff.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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